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## **Broadband Awareness Workshop**

### **THE USDA RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

*MAY 12, 2005*

*JEFFERSON AUDITORIUM*

*U.S. Department of Agriculture South Building*

*1400 Independence Ave. SW*

*Washington, DC*

We invite you to attend an information session and hear from the USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Program staff about financing that is available now for deployment of Broadband and telecommunications services in rural communities. Rural Development has more than \$2 billion in funding available this year for the Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program. The workshop will provide detailed information for prospective loan and loan guarantee applicants, investors and other interested parties. All are welcome to attend!

- **Learn about the eligibility requirements for the Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program (community population, services to be provided, technology, etc.).**
- **Consult with the Broadband Program experts about your specific project or opportunities to participate in the program.**
- **Improve the quality of your Broadband loan application.**

THIS WORKSHOP WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS ON THE BROADBAND LOAN PROGRAM'S APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING:

- √ *Loan Purpose*
- √ *Loan Maturity*
- √ *The Business Plan*
- √ *The Market Survey*
- √ *The Engineering/System Design*
- √ *Financial Information*
- √ *Credit Support*
- √ *Loan Collateral and Security Requirements*

*Please Register Today!*

**DETAILS ON HOW TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP  
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*How to Register for the USDA Broadband Awareness Workshop:*

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*(Smithsonian Metro Station; very limited pay parking nearby; visitors entrance is at 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Independence Ave., "Wing 7." All visitors must show photo identification.)*

To register, please send an email to [RUS.Broadband@usda.gov](mailto:RUS.Broadband@usda.gov); or call Sherrie Carter at 202-690-4669. Please provide attendee name, organization/company, address, phone number, and email address. Please indicate if you would like an individual appointment with the Broadband staff following the conclusion of the workshop. For information on the workshop, please contact Mary Campanola, USDA Rural Development, Washington, DC at [mary.campanola@usda.gov](mailto:mary.campanola@usda.gov); 202-720-8822. Media contact: Claiborn Crain at [claiborn.crain@usda.gov](mailto:claiborn.crain@usda.gov); 202-720-1263.

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### Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks Gil Gonzalez, Acting Undersecretary, Rural Development Curtis M. Anderson, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service
9:00 a.m.	The Broadband Awareness Workshop Ken Kuchno, Director, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Programs Deborah Jackson, Branch Chief, Operations, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Programs Farwa Naqvi, Branch Chief, Engineering, Broadband Division, Rural Utilities Programs
1:00 p.m.	Workshop ends; Individual meetings with USDA Rural Development Broadband staff as desired.

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NOTE: The Broadband Loan Application Guide will be provided at the workshop. You can also download the guide from the Rural Development website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm>.

#### About the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program:

The USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program provides loans and loan guarantees for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities and equipment for broadband service in eligible rural communities. Priority is given to applications that are proposing to serve areas where no residential broadband service currently exists. Information on the USDA Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program is available at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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